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for installing Industrial Plant and Machinery. One hundred and ninety-four applications for licenses to instal Rice Mills, Flour Mills and Hullers, Oil Expellers, Rotaries, Silk twisting and Weaving machines, etc., were received. Of these, 137 applications were disposed of.

Payment of Wages Act.

585. With a view to regulate the payment of wages to certain classes of persons employed in industry, the payment of wages Act, 1948, was brought into force in the State from 1st September 1949.

Boilers in Commission.

586. There were 341 Boilers in commission in the State at the beginning of the year. Nine Boilers were newly registered in the State. Two Boilers were sent out of the State. Sixteen Boilers went out of commission and 2 Boilers were refused licenses. The total number of Boilers in commission at the end of the year was 330.

The Mysore Factories Act.

587. There were 552 Factories on the Register at the beginning of the year. Forty-four Factories were brought within the purview of the Act during year and eighteen factories were removed from the Register as they ceased to function. The total number of factories on the Register at the end of March 1950 was 578, of which 541 were perennial and 37 seasonal.

Patents and Designs.

588. Ten applications for the grant of patents and four applications for registration of designs were filed. Of these, 4 originated from Mysore, 3 from the Indian Dominion and the rest from abroad. Twenty-one applications for Patents were accepted and one application for Design was registered during the year. The income from fees in respect of applications for Patents and Designs and other proceedings under the Act aggregated to Rs. 4,723.

(iii) Marketing Department.

589. The Mysore Weights and Measures Act continued to be in force in 60 notified places in the State.

Weights and Measures.

590. During the year 52,048 units of weights and measures were presented for testing as against 38,404 units in the previous year. A sum of Rs. 3,066 (Rs. 2,224) was realised as testing fee. Under the Mysore Weights and Measures Act, 111 prosecutions were launched of which 99 ended in conviction.

Regulated Markets.

591. The regulated market at Tiptur for cocoanuts and copra, the first of its kind in the whole of India started functioning from 17th October 1949. A total

quantity of 44,987 bags of copra, 21,85,855 cocoanuts and 2,633 bundles of jaggery were auctioned in the Regulated Market at Tiptur during the year. The Regulated Market at Davangere also started functioning from 1st February 1950. The scheme for the establishment of Regulated Markets at Mysore, Chitaldrug, Arsikere and Shimoga was sanctioned during the year. The first Regulated Market Committee for Mysore was also constituted after holding the elections in respect of their Traders' Constituency and arrangements were made to open the Market.

592. The grading of eggs at the five Egg-grading Stations, the oranges at the Coorg Orange Growers' Marketing Co-operative Societies both at Bangalore and Mysore and figs at Ganjam was continued and a total number of 7,69,047 eggs, 1,18,847 oranges and 4,159 figs valued at Rs. 89,792, Rs. 7,443 and Rs. 294 respectively were graded during the year.

Marketing Co-operative Societies.

593. There were 90 Marketing Co-operative Societies at the end of 31st March 1950. All the societies worked satisfactorily.

Marketing Survey work.

594. Detailed surveys on the marketing of (1) Ginger (2) Fruits and Vegetable products and (3) Dry Fruits and Nuts as per synopsis furnished by the Central Agricultural Marketing Department were undertaken during the year, and the report on the marketing of ginger was completed and a copy of the same was sent to the Government of India.

595. The Department attended to numerous miscellaneous enquiries relating to rice, millets, pulses and other cereals, fruits and vegetables and other products, milk, meat, seeds, etc., both from within and outside the State and furnished the necessary information after detailed investigation.

Market News Service.

596. Arrangements were made for the collection of daily market rates in respect of certain agricultural commodities and live-stock products from Bangalore and mofussil markets and broadcasting the same through the Akashvani Station, Mysore. Arrangements were also made to publish daily market rates in some of the local daily papers. The weekly market rates of the different varieties of arecanut, as prevailing in Bangalore were furnished to the Provincial Marketing Officer, Madras.

597. A Warehouse Bill on the lines indicated by the Reserve Bank of India was passed in the Representative

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Assembly and has been awaiting the assent of the Legislative Council. The adoption and enforcement of a Fruit Products Control Order of 1948 of the Government of India was under consideration.

(iv) Labour.

Labour conditions.

598. The general labour condition throughout the year was, to a great extent, calm and peaceful though certain strikes were staged by some of the industrial concerns. But in the first half of the year, the labour condition was perturbed due to the prolonged strikes by some of the industrial concerns. All the important labour legislations passed at the Centre were also made applicable to Mysore.

599. The main causes for these strikes were demand for higher wages, bonus and dearness allowance, for cancellation of suspension orders, annual increments, as a protest against disciplinary action taken against some employees, regarding holidays, enforcement of standing orders, reinstatement of workers, etc. In all these cases timely and active interference of the departmental officers brought the situation under control and normal conditions were restored. There were 26 strikes during the year as against 29 in the previous year.

Labour Associations.

600. There were 89 Labour Associations functioning at the beginning of the year. Eight more Labour Associations were registered under the Mysore Labour Act, 1942. All the associations were functioning properly except 8 in Bangalore Division, 9 in Mysore Division and 1 in Plantation Division.

601. There were 129 undertakings coming under the purview of the Mysore Labour Act, 1948, during the year. Of these, 91 were industrial concerns and 38 were plantation estates. The total number of operatives employed in these undertakings was 94,127 as against 87,953 in the previous year. Of these, 80,611 were men, 12,169 women and 1,347 children.

Wages, Dearness Allowance and Bonus.

602. There was no uniformity in the rates of wages paid to the respective employees, except in the Kolar Gold Fields where uniform rates of wages were being paid in all the four mines and the K. G. F. Electricity Department. Though all the industrial concerns in the State paid D. A. to their respective employees, still the rate of D. A. varied from factory to factory. The total amount of D. A. paid